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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

Claims 17-30 and 46-48 are pending in this application and were indicated to be allowable in a telephone conversation on June 20, 2005 between the Examiner and Applicants' attorney. Claims 31-45 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Indeed Applicants hereby reserve the right to file one or more continuation applications presenting these claims.

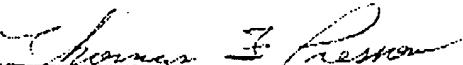
CONCLUSION

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In view of the foregoing remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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